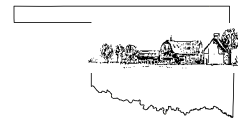




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Planting of Small Grains Nearing Completion

October 24 - - Last week's sunshine and mild temperatures allowed farmers more time to work in the fields. Producers had 5.1 days available for field work. Many producers used this opportunity to try to finish up small grain planting. Rye planting was virtually complete with wheat and oat seeding winding down. Soil moisture declined slightly last week since little rain was received. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 84 percent adequate, 10 percent short, and 4 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent surplus, 71 percent adequate, 19 percent short, and 9 percent very short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	10	84	2
Last Week	1	6	82	11
Last Year	19	31	49	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	19	71	1
Last Week	4	22	71	3
Last Year	21	37	42	0

Small Grains: Small grain conditions were mostly good to excellent as planting nears completion. Some reports have indicated that the dryland wheat has been growing quickly with good stands. There were also reports of weed problems as well as some army worm and leaf hopper. Producers have not yet started turning cattle out onto the wheat fields but that should occur in the next few weeks. Wheat planted increased eight points to 89 percent complete. Wheat emerged also increased 8 points to 76 percent complete. Most of the rye was emerged and grazing was at 4 percent. Oats were behind last year but they made good progress last week. Seedbed prepared was at 85 percent complete, planted at 44 percent complete and 38 percent of the crop was emerged.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending October 24, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	0	2	20	55	23
Last Week	0	2	23	58	17
Last Year	7	11	19	51	12
Rye					
This Week	1	2	14	69	14
Oats					
This Week	0	3	23	64	10



Row Crops: Row crop conditions continued to be mostly good to fair. All of the row crop progress was still a little behind normal. Corn harvest was at 92 percent harvested, slightly ahead of last year. Sorghum progress lagged behind normal the most with maturity, at 71 percent, 20 points behind normal. Harvest jumped 10 points to 54 percent but was still behind normal trends. Soybeans were in good condition with 85 percent matured with harvest over halfway complete. Peanuts made good progress this week with a 19 point jump in dug and a 20 point jump in combined. Nearly all of the cotton bolls were opened and harvest made a 12 point increase to 34 percent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending October 24, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	0	4	17	68	11
Cotton	2	1	41	48	8
Sorghum	0	3	36	49	12

Hay: Alfalfa hay cutting continued to be ahead of last year and the five-year average. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was at 83 percent, ahead of the previous year and the five-year average. The sixth cutting of alfalfa was at 33 percent complete. Other hay second cutting was 96 percent complete. All hay was in good to fair condition.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending October 24, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	3	27	53	14
Other Hay	1	5	25	57	12

Pasture and Range: Pastures remain in mostly good to fair condition throughout the state. Adequate moisture and warmer weather has allowed warm season forages to green up as well as cool season forages.

Livestock: Cattle were rated in good to excellent condition. There are reports of stocker cattle on grass waiting for the first freeze before being put out on wheat pastures. Some producers were selling spring calves. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds went down slightly to \$115.57 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds went down fourteen cents to \$108.80 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending October 24, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	15	63	21
Pasture & Range	1	8	28	54	9

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 24, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	89	81	91	85	Mature	85	76	85	89
Emerged	76	68	79	65	Harvested	57	53	55	65
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	85	81	88	89	Mature	99	93	96	93
Planted	44	36	54	54	Dug	62	43	64	67
Emerged	38	32	42	34	Combined	40	20	45	47
Rye					Cotton -				
Emerged	96	87	92	78	Bolls Opening	94	91	98	97
Grazed	4	N/A			Harvested	34	22	36	44
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Harvested	92	91	90	96	5 th Cutting	83	82	61	52
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	33	28	N/A	N/A
Mature	71	61	88	91	Other Hay -				
Harvested	54	44	61	67	2 nd Cutting	96	95	91	86

Weather for Week Ending October 24, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees at Kenton on Saturday, October 23rd, to 94 degrees at Hollis on Thursday, October 21st. Precipitation averaged 0.01 inches in Panhandle district to 0.59 inches in Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 20 degrees at Mangum on Sunday, October 24th, to 75 degrees at Idabel on Tuesday, October 19th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 24, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation		
	High Low Average			This Week	September 1, 2004 to October 24, 2004	
					Total	Departure from Normal Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches		
Panhandle	74	44	59	0.01	3.49	+0.44 114
West Central	75	50	62	0.04	4.26	- 0.75 85
Southwest	78	51	64	0.10	4.51	- 1.19 79
North Central	74	50	61	0.05	3.99	- 1.20 77
Central	77	52	65	0.19	4.70	- 2.24 68
South Central	82	55	68	0.43	6.49	- 1.14 85
Northeast	77	52	65	0.57	4.63	- 2.97 61
East Central	80	54	67	0.45	5.14	- 3.12 62
Southeast	84	56	70	0.59	6.26	- 2.15 74